

In The Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 3 – 5 and 7, provided in Appendix A. These sheets replace the original drawing sheets bearing Figures 3 – 5 and 7. These drawings correct the cross-hatching patterns of the figures, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.84(h)(3).

The attached sheets of drawings also include new Figures 9A – 9D, provided in Appendix A. No new matter has been added by way of these new figures. Support for these figures can be found in the application at least at page 5, lines 24 - 29.

Formal drawings will be submitted upon receiving a notice of allowance.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes.

In The Specification

On page 4, please replace the paragraph starting at line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view of one embodiment of a finished shaft according to the present invention with a plurality of ring-section-shaped features inserted; and

On page 4, please replace the paragraph starting at line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 8 is a side view of one embodiment of a finished shaft according to the present invention, without the second layer of composite fibrous material, with a plurality of ring-section shaped features inserted;

On page 4, please add the following new paragraphs after line 21:

FIG. 9A is a diagram of an anchor piece according to the present invention having an anchor piece with a hook shape;

FIG. 9B is a diagram of an anchor piece according to the present invention having an anchor piece with a fin shape;

FIG. 9C is a diagram of an anchor piece according to the present invention having an anchor piece with a screw threading shape; and

FIG. 9D is a diagram of an anchor piece according to the present invention having an anchor piece with a knurled edge shape.

On page 5, please replace the paragraph starting at line 30 with the following amended paragraph:

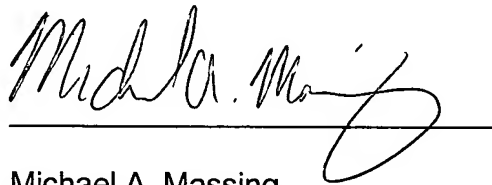
The anchor piece 16 is the portion of the feature 17 that is inserted into the drive shaft 14. The anchor piece 16 can be merely a straight cylindrical structure. However, structural modifications may be made to the anchor piece 16 to allow the feature 17 to anchor more securely to the drive shaft 14. Such modifications could include hooks,

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fins, screw threading, or knurled edges. These anchor piece shapes are shown in FIGS. 9A – 9D.

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (312) 245-5354.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

Annotated Drawing Sheets 2 and 3
Replacement Drawing Sheets 2 and 3
New Drawing Sheet 5